

Tennessee Horticultural Expo

You are cordially invited to the 1st Annual Tennessee Horticultural Expo at the Nashville Airport Marriott on January 29-31, 2009. This inaugural Expo is the meeting of six horticultural organizations under one roof: the Tennessee Fruit and Vegetable Association (TFVA), Tennessee Viticultural and Oenological Society (TVOS), Tennessee Farm Winegrowers Association (TFWA), American Wine Society (AWS) - Southeast Region, Tennessee Flower Growers' Association (TFGA), and Tennessee Farmers Market Association (TFMA).

Registration for the Expo (under one of the organizations listed above) will give you the opportunity to attend the free educational sessions of any of these 6 groups that you choose. **Pre-registration before January 5, 2009 is \$35 per person and is highly encouraged.** After the January 5 deadline, registration will be \$50 per person. Please mark your registration fee totals next to your affiliated organization. Additionally, for your convenience, on your registration form (enclosed), you may also renew your annual membership fees or even become a member of one of our partnering organizations.

This first-of-its-kind Tennessee horticultural event will provide you with a bigger and better tradeshow, more networking opportunities, more educational opportunities and more special events, plus the familiar, high quality program that you expect from our organization. The Expo Tradeshow promises more exhibitors than ever. The tradeshow will open on Thursday at 10 AM and remain open until Saturday at 1 PM to give you ample time to talk to the exhibitors.

Complimentary special events for all Expo participants include a Grazing Luncheon on Friday to give you more opportunity to visit the tradeshow and fraternize with colleagues and the Expo Wines Reception and Live Auction on Friday Evening, where you can taste wines of Tennessee while you bid on big-ticket auction items. The TFGA will also host a Breakfast with the Experts on Saturday morning, where you can BYOB (buy your own breakfast) and talk to flower growing experts. Additional special events include the Winemakers' Dinner (a four-course, gourmet meal created by the chef complete with red and white wine pairings), the AWS Dinner to socialize and hear comments from the AWS Executive Director, and the TVOS President's Reception and Banquet, where this year's amateur top wine honors will be awarded. Everyone is welcome to participate in these three dinners for an additional, non-refundable fee (fees listed next to each event on your registration form). These three events **require pre-registration** and are on a first come, first serve basis- don't delay! The deadline for pre-registration for these events is **January 5, 2008. THERE WILL BE NO ADMITTANCE WITHOUT PRE-REGISTRATION nor ON-SITE REGISTRATION FOR THESE EVENTS.**

In addition to the complimentary educational programs offered by each participating organization, there will be several 'Fee-Required Sessions' in which you have the opportunity to participate. These sessions include the TVOS Riedel Glass Wine Tastings on either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. In these sessions you will learn how the quality of the glass affects the wine or as Dave Lockwood says, "Cheap glass, no class." In the TVOS Champagne Class on Saturday morning, Tammy Algood will demonstrate many more uses for champagne than just toasting on New Year's Eve. Bring your own champagne flute! In the AWS Wine Tasting sessions, wines will be paired with cheeses, chocolates and more. The Alcoholic Beverage Commission Pourers Class will satisfy the educational requirements for participants to obtain their pourer's license for winery events. **DO NOT SEND PAYMENT FOR THESE 'FEE-REQUIRED SESSIONS WITH THIS FORM.'** Fees for these sessions will be

collected at the registration desk at the Expo, where you pick up your registration packet (name tag, program, etc.); however, we ask that you indicate your interest in these sessions on the pre-registration form, so that we can better plan for each session. These sessions will be filled on a first come, first serve basis at the Expo. **Again, indicating your interest in the 'Fee-Required Sessions' on this form does not guarantee your admission into a session, but does help us in planning.** Please bring to the Expo correct change or a check payable to the association sponsoring the session you wish to attend.

If you have an item you would like to donate to the auction, bring it along when you come to the Expo.

Mark your calendars and take this opportunity to pre-register for the Expo. Registration is a bargain at \$35/person, if you **register by January 5, 2009**. Please make all pre-registration checks payable to the 'Tennessee Horticultural Expo.' Also, don't forget to reserve your hotel room now! The Marriott is offering an Expo room rate of \$109/night. Please make your own hotel arrangements by calling (615)-889-9300 and be sure to mention the 'Tennessee Horticultural Expo' when making your reservation to guarantee the discounted rate.

This is a meeting not to be missed! See you in January.

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

January 29, 30, 31, 2009

**Airport Marriott
600 Marriott Drive
Nashville, TN 37214
(615) 889-9300**

NAME (Please print) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE (____) _____ **EMAIL** _____

NAME(S) OF ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS _____

ATTENDANCE (Please mark one)

_____ Advance registration

_____ Unable to attend, but continue my membership as listed below

REGISTRATION **\$35 per person** (Allows entrance into any conference session)

Note: Registration after the deadline of 01/05/09 is \$50 per person

PICK ONE ONLY!

American Wine Society (AWS) _____ (number) x \$35 = \$ _____

TN Farm Winegrowers Association (TFWA) _____ (number) x \$35 = \$ _____

TN Flower Growers Association (TFGA) _____ (number) x \$35 = \$ _____

TN Fruit and Vegetable Association (TFVA) _____ (number) x \$35 = \$ _____

TN Viticulture & Oenological Society (TVOS) _____ (number) x \$35 = \$ _____

TN Farmers Market Association (TFMA) _____ (number) x \$35 = \$ _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES (Multiple memberships are welcome)

American Wine Society (\$62 for up to 2 people) \$ _____

(AWS -payment due if not already paid)

TN Flower Growers Association (\$50 per person) \$ _____

TN Fruit and Vegetable Association (\$25 per person) \$ _____

TN Viticulture & Oenological Society (\$20 for up to 2 people) \$ _____

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PRE-REGISTRATION Continued

SPECIAL EVENTS REGISTRATION – Pre-Registration Availability ONLY!

(Everyone welcome!! Deadline is 1/5/09)

Winemaker's Dinner (Thursday, 7:00 p.m.) _____ (number) x \$75= \$_____

American Wine Society Dinner (Friday, 7:00 p.m.) _____ (number) x \$45 = \$_____

TVOS Reception and Banquet (Saturday, 6:00 p.m.) _____ (number) x \$45 = \$_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (Non-Refundable) \$_____

●Deadline for receiving Pre-Registration Form and Payment is January 5, 2009

Please make checks payable to:

TN Horticultural Expo

and

Mail completed Form and Payment to:

Linda Burnette

P.O. Box 156

Sequatchie, TN 37374

FEE REQUIRED SESSIONS

These sessions are open on a first come/first serve basis at the meeting. Fees will be collected at the DOOR immediately before the session. At the time of the session, you will need correct change or a check made payable to the associations listed below.

Each session will be collected separately.

Do not send payment for these sessions with this form.

For planning purposes, we request your interests in attending these sessions.

Please check those you might attend.

TVOS Riedel Glass Wine Tasting	(Friday pm)	\$10.00	_____
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TVOS Champagne Class	(Saturday am)	\$10.00	_____
American Wine Society Wine Tasting	(Saturday am)	\$20.00	_____
American Wine Society Wine Tasting	(Saturday am)	\$20.00	_____
American Wine Society Wine Tasting	(Saturday pm)	\$20.00	_____
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ABC Pourers Class	(Thursday 9:00-2:00)	\$65.00	_____

This form does not assure your admission into the FEE REQUIRED SESSIONS.